

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

OHNO, *et al.*

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For: SUBSTRATE CLEANING METHOD, SUBSTRATE  
CLEANING EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER PROGRAM,  
AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

**Confirmation No. 3543**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2010, to which the time for response is set to expire May 1, 2010. Claims 1-24 were pending. Claims 1-17 and 21-24 were rejected. Claims 18-20 were withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendment(s) are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.  
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